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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: SOVIET PROPOSAL AT RESTRICTED  
MEETING JULY 24; TTBT/PNE MESSAGE NO 175

1. SUMMARY: MOROKHOV'S STATEMENT IN RESTRICTED MEETING  
CONTAINED MAJOR ELEMENTS TO FORM BASIS FOR PNE AGREEMENT.  
THESE ARE: INDIVIDUAL EXPLOSION YIELD LIMIT OF 150 KT  
(CONTAINED AND EXCAVATION); AGGREGATE YIELD LIMIT FOR  
GROUP EXPLOSIONS OF 2 MT (CONTAINED AND EXCAVATION);  
LIMITED NUMBER OF EXCEPTIONS ABOVE 150 KT FOR INDIVIDUAL  
EXCAVATION EXPLOSIONS, WITH OBSERVERS IN ALL SUCH  
CASES; OBSERVERS AT DISCRETION HOST SIDE ABOVE 100 KT;  
INFORMATION EXCHANGE; REAFFIRMATION OF ADHERENCE TO  
LTBT; AND COOPERATION. MOROKHOV CALLED THESE SOVIET  
PROPOSALS "MAJOR STEP TO MEET US POSITON",  
AND SAID SOVIET DELEGATION HAS INSTURCTIONS TO ENABLE  
DRAFTING TO BEGIN "IN SHORTEST TIME." MOROKHOV SAID  
SOVIETS EXPECT US TO COMMENT " IN NEAREST FUTURE" AND TO  
GET INSTRUCTIONS SO THAT DRAFTING CAN BEGIN. END SUMMARY

2. JUST PRIOR TO JULY 24 PLENARY, MOROKHOV TOLD STOESSEL  
HE WISHED TO MAKE STATEMENT IN RESTRICTED MEETING FOLLOWING  
PLENARY ON CURRENT SOVIET SUBSTANTIVE VIEWS ON PNES. IN  
RESTRICTED MEETING (MOROKHOV/TIMERBAEV/SAFRONOV/BEZUMOV/  
KOVALEV -- STOESSEL/BUCHHEIM/MARTIN/FRYKLUND/TUNIK),

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MOROKHOV SAID HIS STATEMENT WAS BASED ON CAREFUL SOVIET

REVIEW OF STATE OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING POSITIONS  
SET FORTH BY TWO SIDES TO DATE.

3. USSR PREPARED TO REACH AGREEMENT ON FOLLOWING BASIS:

- (A) INDIVIDUAL CONTAINED AND EXCAVATION EXPLOSIONS TO HAVE YIELD LIMIT OF 150 KT;
- (B) AGGREGATE YIELD LIMIT FOR CONTAINED AND EXCAVATION GROUP EXPLOSIONS OF TWO MT, WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT METHODS OF YIELD VERIFICATION OF INDIVIDUAL EXPLOSIONS IN A GROUP WILL BE AGREED UPON (MOROKHOV NOTED THAT US/USSR EXPERTS HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT COVERING BASIC PRINCIPLES ON THIS QUESTION);
- (C) EACH SIDE TO HAVE RIGHT TO CARRY OUT SOME LIMITED NUMBER OF EXCEPTIONS OVER 150 KT YIELD LIMIT FOR INDIVIDUAL EXCAVATION EXPLOSIONS. HOST COUNTRY WOULD ADMIT OBSERVERS OF VERIFYING SIDE TO SITE OF EXPLOSION;
- (D) OBSERVERS CAN ALSO BE PRESENT AT EXPLOSION SITES WHEN YIELD LIMIT IS NEAR AGREED 150 KT THRESHOLD, "THAT IS, AT ABOUT 100 KT," IN CASES WHERE HOST COUNTRY FEELS THIS NECESSARY TO ENSURE CORRECT IDENTIFICATION OF YIELD OF EXPLOSION;
- (E) WHILE CONDUCTING EXPLOSIONS SIDES SHALL EXCHANGE INFORMATION, VOLUME OF WHICH WILL BE AGREED DURING OUR NEGOTIATIONS (MOROKHOV NOTED THAT EXPERTS HAD REACHED GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THIS QUESTION ALSO);
- (F) WITH RESPECT TO US QUESTION REGARDING NECESSITY TO OBSERVE LTBT, USSR PREPARED TO INCLUDE IN PNE AGREEMENT A PROVISION BY WHICH SIDES WOULD REAFFIRM THEIR ADHERENCE TO LTBT (IZRAEL, MOROKHOV ASSERTED, HAD MADE CASE JULY 22 THAT UNDER PROPER CIRCUMSTANCES IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO EXCLUDE RADIOACTIVE DEBRIS OUTSIDE TERRITORY OF HOST COUNTRY); AND
- (G) COOPERATION IN PNE FIELD.

4. MOROKHOV SAID THAT SEVEN POINTS COVERED BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR REACHING PNE AGREEMENT. USSR POSITON REPRESENTED BY THESE POINTS CONSTITUTES MAJOR STEP TO MEET US VIEWS. USSR READY "IN SHORTEST TIME" TO WROK OUT AGREEMENT DRAFT, AND HIS DELEGATION HAS INSTRUCTIONS TO DO SO.

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5. MOROKHOV CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT SOVIET EXPECT US WILL STUDY THESE USSR PROPOSALS AND COMMENT UPON THEM "IN THE NEAREST FUTURE". SOVIETS ALSO EXPECT THAT US DELEGATION WILL GET INSTRUCTIONS TO START WORKING ON DRAFT LANGUAGE.

6. SOTESSEL THANKED MOROKHOV FOR AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT, WHICH WOULD BE REPORTED TO US AUTHORITIES AND GIVEN CAREFUL AND URGENT ATTENTION. WITHOUT COMMENTING ON

SUBSTANCE, STESSEL SAID HE WISHED TO SAY NOW THAT HE  
CONSIDERED MOROKHOV'S PRESENTATION A CONSTRUCTIVE  
CONTRIBUTION.

7. STOESSEL SAID HE WISHED TO CLARIFY ONE POINT RELATING  
TO TIMING FOR INFORMATION EXHCNAGEN, WHICH, ACCORDING TO  
THE TRANSLATION, SEEMED TO CALL FOR AN EXCHANGE DURING  
ACTUAL EXPLOSIONS. MOROKHOV SAID HE MEANT THAT INFORMATION  
WOULD BE EXCHANGED IN CASES WHERE EXPLOSIONS WOULD BE  
CONDUCTED, AND NOT DURING ACTUAL PROCESS OF EXPLOSION.  
A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF INFORMATION SHOULD BE PROVIDED BEFORE  
AN EXPLOSION AND A CERTAIN AMOUNT AFTER SUCH AN EVENT,  
MOROKHOV SAID. IN ANY CASE, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE AGREED  
BETWEEN US AND OUR EXPERTS HAVE DISCUSSED THIS QUESTION  
THOROUGHLY.

8. STOESSEL SAID THAT WE HAD FOUND IZRAEL'S JULY 22  
PRESENTATION INTERESTING, BUT IT HAD NOT SATISFACTORILY  
RESPONDED TO US QUESTION AS TO HOW IT WOULD BE PRACTICAL  
TO CONDUCT LARGE EXCAVATION PNES WITHOUT HAVING RADIOACTIVE  
DEBRIS PRESENT OUTSIDE BORDERS OF STATE  
CONDUCTING EXPLOSION. HOWEVER, STOESSEL CONCLUDED, WE CAN  
GO BACK TO THIS QUESTION LATER. MOROKHOV SAID HE WOULD  
INFORM IZRAEL OF STOESSEL'S COMMENT, AND HAVE IZRAEL  
PREPARED TO ANSWER.  
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